

Thought of the week: "Out of suffering have emerged the strongest souls; the most massive characters are scathed with scars; martyrs have put on their coronation robes; altering with fire, and through tears have the sorrowful first seen the gates of heaven."

NEW GADGETS TO LIGHTEN HOUSEWORK
A helpful article by Mrs. Christine Frederick, eminent household expert, explaining ways to make house duties less burdensome. Don't miss this feature in the April 7th issue of *The American Weekly*, the big magazine distributed with the *Baltimore American*. On Sale at All Newsstands

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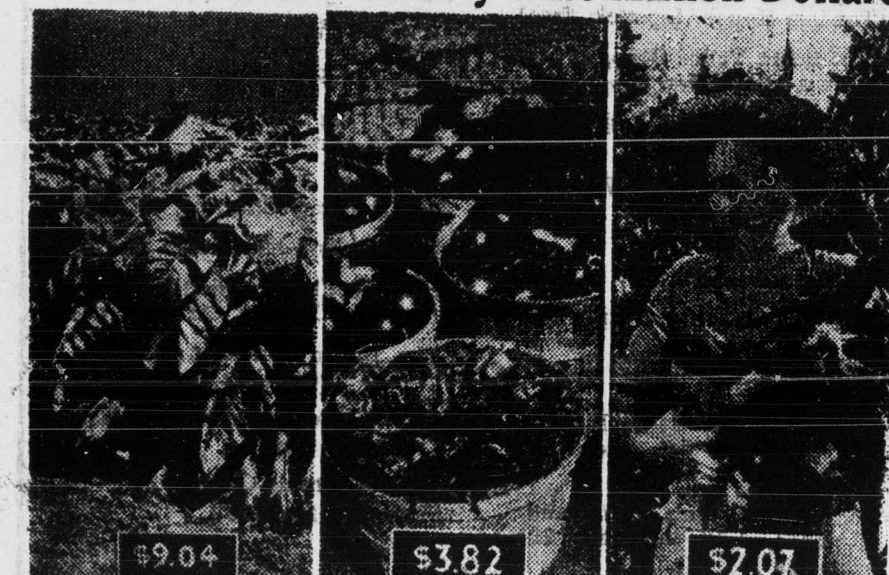
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Virginia Farmers Talk Fertilizer Prices



Fertilizer prices lower than other commodities which farmers buy. "Do you think the price you paid for that last purchase you made is too high?" Ask that of any man or woman any time and get about the same answer as if you asked, "Are taxes too high?" Nevertheless, in a recent survey made by Virginia and 34 other States, over 32,000 farmers were asked point blank, "Do you think fertilizer prices are high?" Virginia farmers replied as follows: "Yes, they are high," said 29.2 per cent. They are low," said 6.7 per cent. The remainder, 55.9 per cent, replied that prices were average. Now the Department of Agriculture releases a statement which an-

Fertilizer Brings Virginia Farmers More Than Twenty-Nine Million Dollars



Extra dollar returns on Tobacco, Vegetables, and Corn, which farmers received Nationally for each dollar spent on fertilizer. The gigantic sum—three billion dollars—survey, varied from crop to crop. Tobacco, which farmers have received from the Government under the AAA since 1933 is equalled by the extra dollar value of increased yields produced by fertilizer in the same period, according to estimates made from personal interviews with 32,000 farmers in 35 States. Virginia farmers gave the interviewers grass-roots facts which show that for every dollar they spent for fertilizer they received an average return in increased yields of \$3.08. In other words, Virginia farmers spent \$9,471,000 for fertilizer. The extra return which they received from its use amounted to \$29,179,000, leaving the fertilizer of \$19,708,000. The return from each dollar Virginia farmers invested in fertilizer, as shown by The National Fertilizer Association tables.

Town to Save On Lighting

A new contract whereby \$150 a year will be saved to the town of Appomattox in its bill for lighting the streets of the town, is being arranged with the Virginia Public Service Company. The present cost of street lighting is over \$1,000 a year, and the new contract would call for a rate reduction of about 15 per cent. The town had under consideration using this savings for the installation of larger, brighter and more attractive lights in the business section of the town, but in an economy wave decided in favor of keeping the savings for the general fund.

8,000-Mile Bicycle Trip
Four cyclists completed an 8,000-mile trip from the Far East of Russia, in Siberia, to Russia's western frontier. Three of them fought against the Japanese at Lake Hailan. Starting at the battleground of Mount Zaozernaya the party required 10 days to reach Moscow. The rest of the journey was completed quickly over smooth roads and the western border. Weather conditions in Siberia were bad. On one stretch of the trip rain fell nearly 10 days. Sometimes the cyclists had to go on foot along the railway tracks for many miles. The commander of the run was A. Y. Tiroshov, who led the Komandorsk-Amur to Moscow bicycle run in 1937.

The lovely lady of spring has been in a hurry to appear. Now for the change in the outdoor color scheme from drab browns to green! Expect close vote in the Senate on trade treaty renewals.

Attend Meeting at C. H. Tonight!

The will be a public meeting to night at 8 o'clock at the court house in the interest of fire protection in Appomattox. The meeting has been called by G. M. Deane, new town fire chief. The attendance of every tax-payer and resident of the town is solicited. The property owners of the town have been extremely fortunate in the small amount of damage in recent years and also in the matter of prevailing rates for fire insurance. To meet the requirements for existing rates it is necessary to have an active fire company, and one purpose of the meeting is to take steps toward that end.

The mere fact that the town has a fire engine and a large amount of hose, is said to be not enough to insure adequate protection. Some body must be trained and available to get the maximum service out of this equipment instantly in case of an alarm. That means many drills, a study of the hazards, perhaps the installation of more fire plugs, and still, the art of avoiding and fighting a fire.

Various other awards were given to participating individuals. A nice team was realized for the baseball team.

Enjoyed Music of Fiddlers' Convention

Nearly 1,000 people crowded the auditorium of the Appomattox high school last Friday night to enjoy the old-time fiddlers' convention held for the benefit of the local school baseball team. A high-class entertainment of two hours was presented by the fiddlers and introduced the various individuals and groups.

The prize for the best band went to the Wildway Band, composed of Walker Beale, Bemie Beale, Dick Beale and William Mitchell.

Other top honors for bands went to the "Appomattox Hillbillies" and to the "Twelfth Street band" from Lynchburg. The Appomattox Hillbillies were composed of E. T. Mitchell, Harold Cawthorn, John D. Mitchell, William Mitchell and Linwood Paulett.

Points to the Benefits of a Clean Up Week Campaign

Mrs. J. C. Caldwell, president of the Appomattox Garden Club today set forth the reasons why the town and county should have a Clean-Up Week, as follows:

- "Why have a Clean-Up Campaign?"
- "First, a clean, attractive town and county pays in dollars and cents. Planting, painting and improving homes, business places and lots, adds to the value of the property and to the pleasure and satisfaction of the owner."
- "Second, a clean town is a potent factor in adding to the pay-rolls of its citizens, encourages progressive enterprises."
- "Third, it stimulates interest in home ownership."
- "Fourth, The Golden Rule says keep your trash from blowing to your neighbors, for you don't want to suffer from their carelessness and neglect."

DON'T NEGLECT FUNDAMENTALS IN YOUR NEW HOME



Glitter of Gadgets Often Distracts Builder From Quality Where It's Needed Most. Are you building a house for the first time? Then chances are you are in kind of a daze. There are so many things to decide, so many things to buy, so many more things you want and can't buy because there is just so much money. Now there's nothing less glamorous than the concrete footings and foundation. One doesn't show them off to one's friends, but if you skip on either, you'll be busy for years to come trying to cover up cracked walls that all your friends will see.

Don't Skip on Framework. Taking the timber skeleton of your house is going to be all covered up, but if you skip on it you'll have aching floors that won't last a very long time. And how about those great big holes in the wall, the rough window openings. You can buy windows and window frames to fill these holes pretty cheap. And you'll pay for them for years to come in heat lost, drafty floors and wet walls. Or, you can buy carefully designed, precision built and factory fitted windows and window frames complete with weatherstripping that will be a joy and a comfort every year that you live in your house. Yes, and you'll find that the extra cost was money well spent because of best built, repair bills and redecorating bills saved.

Can't Replace Windows. Good windows are a permanent part of your walls. They protect your investment in insulation and quality construction. Any home without weatherlight windows is only one-half protected. So when you build, get down to fundamentals. Always remember—you can add the gutters any time, but you can't replace footings or timbers or windows. They've got to be good right from the start.



National Corn Champ Tells How It's Done

The winner—Clark W. Dellinger. It wasn't done with mirrors, that record-smashing official yield of 190.1 bushels of corn per acre which made Clark W. Dellinger, Clark County, Indiana, 1939 national champion corn producer. The enormous production was the result of a systematic use of the latest and best corn-growing practices. The five-acre plot in a 14-acre field on the Ohio River bottom which Dellinger chose for his crop was naturally fertile, but it came a long way from the perfection which he set as his standard. The land had usually been planted to corn. Last year he allowed it to make a tremendous overgrowth, which was plowed under about nine inches deep in May. The land was fitted by two double disches, two harrows, and two cultipatches before planting. Corn of the Johnson County white variety, of his own growing and selection, was planted late in May. It was rowed three feet apart, with from two to three kernels per hill. Though the land was rich, he knew that it had been used and was not up to its own virgin fertility, so he added fertilizer of 0-14-0 analysis, applying it to the hill at the rate of 125 pounds per acre. Six cultivations through the growing season cleared the way. H. K. Smalley, Director of Soil Improvement Work, The National Fertilizer Association, commenting on why the corn champion used fertilizer on rich soil, said, "Big yields take fertility from the richest soil. The grain alone removed from Dellinger's land 250 pounds of plant food per acre. A 50-bushel corn crop, including stover, removes 150 pounds of plant food from the land—50 pounds of nitrogen, 29 pounds of phosphoric acid, and 25 pounds of potash. Return of this plant food to the soil is essential to continuing yields."

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Virginia Public Service

Fertilizer Supplies Assured Despite War

In contrast to the acute shortage of fertilizer materials suffered at the beginning of the last European war, the present purchasing season for fertilizer finds the country prepared with adequate supplies for this year's crops. "At the beginning of the last World War an immediate deficiency of nitrogen carriers occurred," said Charles J. Brand, Executive Secretary and Treasurer of The National Fertilizer Association. "There was an almost total absence of potash. Although there was plenty of phosphate rock, there was a shortage of sulphuric acid needed to make superphosphate."

"When war disrupted shipping from 1914 to 1918, nitrogen materials for fertilizer became scarce, as we were once bound to Chile for nitrates," said Mr. Brand. "Today, we not only have adequate shipping services from Chile, but our country is the third largest producer of synthetic nitrogen in the world, and the largest producer of ammonium sulphate. The shortage of sulphuric acid during the last war was due to the heavy requirements of munition manufacturers for processing their goods. Improved methods of munition makers no longer require sulphuric acid. This leaves an ample supply for use in making superphosphate."

"In 1918 we were entirely dependent upon Germany for potash. Today, we produce at home over 60 per cent of the potash we use and have sufficient reserves to care for our entire needs. In addition to this, French, German, Palestinian, and Spanish potash are available."

Price farmers pay for fertilizer is now lower than before the World War; prices they pay for all commodities are 22 per cent higher. The lovely lady of spring has been slow in making her reappearance. Now for the change in the outdoor color scheme from drab brown to green!

April 1-6 is Clean-Up Week!

FSA Collects Large Sum on Farm Loans

Collections of funds advanced to farm families farming under the Farm Security Administration, in Region four, for the first six months of the current fiscal year exceeded collections for the same months last year by \$488,215, according to figures received here by Sneed T. Adams, Appomattox county supervisor of the FSA.

Between July 1, 1939 and February 29, 1940, FSA collections in this region totaled \$3,290,419 as compared with \$2,802,204 for a similar period last year. In Virginia, \$347,206 was collected in the six-month period as compared with \$311,600 for a similar period last year.

Mr. Adams attributes the good collections largely to the planned economy program of the Farm Security Administration for all farmers who borrow from this Federal agency. "This agency," said Mr. Adams, "is helping small farmers to become self-sustaining, by furnishing them credit to get in shape to farm and technical advice in sound farming practices."

Rancher's Name Serves Time. C. G. Peterson, California rancher, has his car back after it was stolen and not recovered for seven months, but he was glad he did not acquire the record of the temporary illegal owner. Peterson's name—but not himself—served a 15-day term in Alameda county jail in Oakland on a drunken driving charge. Oakland officers arrested the auto thief. He presented Peterson's operator's license—which he had found in the car—and was jailed and served in Peterson's name. He was impounded in a garage at least there until police checked and found he had been stolen.

Laud Holt in Ceremony in State Senate

Lieutenant Governor Saxon W. Holt, of Newport News, was praised as a distinguished public servant and loyal friend of Virginians at exercises held in the Senate chamber March 28 in connection with the unveiling of his portrait. The exercises were presided over by Senator Henry T. Wickham, who had served as president pro tem of the upper house during the illness of Lieutenant Governor Holt. The portrait, the work of John Slavin, Richmond artist, was unveiled by Mrs. Maria Holt, daughter of Mr. Holt. Tributes were paid by Senator Wickham, Senator E. Solator Montague, of Hampton and Senator William A. Wright, of Tappahannock. Senator Wickham recalled in a brief speech that Lieutenant Governor Holt first took office in the senate 36 years ago.

"It is with a feeling of unalloyed gratitude," he said, "to recall the fact of having associated with Senator Holt for so many years. It is a pleasure to take part in honoring such a great Virginian."

Senator Montague said it was with the warmest pleasure that I join in these exercises," as the senior patron of the Senate resolution directing that the oil painting of Holt be created and hung on the walls of the Senate chamber. Senator Wright said that Holt's record in the Senate was probably unparalleled in any legislative body in the United States. He declared the lieutenant governor "has written in box car letters upon the hearts of the people of Virginia a living example of devotion to duty and trust."

Appomattox had its Easter parade despite the cold and snow. Expect close vote in the Senate on trade treaty renewals.

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